Edwina Violette was born in Bombay. She was educated at the Convent of Jesus and Mary at Byculla, Bombay and Poona. Her brothers Terence, Neville and sister Marie were already working in films, she decided to follow them. She worked mainly as a background dancer in Hindi films from 1957 to 1967.
She got married to Keith Violette on November 26, 1960. They moved to the UK in the 60s. After having worked at many jobs, she retired as a Finance Officer at the St Pancras Hospital, London. She lives in Hertfordshire. She is active on Facebook and has thousands of friends and followers.

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All those unsung and unheralded group dancers, without whom films could not have been made.

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Edwina Violette
London, UK
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Narsingh D Agnish
Riverdale, NJ
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PREFACE

Until a few years ago most of did not know Edwina Violette (or Edu, as her fans call her) by name. We only knew her as a background dancer in many Hindi songs. Famously, in the song 'O Hasina Zulfonwali Jane Jahan' from Teesri Manzil (1966) she appears in the beginning shaking her head and flaunting her long hair, before settling down on the letter C of the giant ROCKY sign. Thanks to the efforts of famous blogger Greta Kaemmer (of her blog memsaabstory), the world 'discovered' her. One of us (SS) was so thrilled that he wrote his first book on Hindi films, Edu's biography.

In preparation for the book, SS watched more than one hundred videos of her (put together by Tom Daniel), he was struck by the other faces in the background who danced in many of these songs. It occurred to him that a book should be written about them while we can still identify them.

So, SS requested his friend Narsingh D Agnish to watch all the videos and capture still images of her co-dancers. He painstakingly captured almost 1,000 images, of which about 500 were selected to be sent to Edu by email. She responded promptly identifying most of them and writing little notes about them in the bargain!

We have selected about 300 of those images for this book. We are thrilled that we have been able to put names to so many faces of her co-dancers.

All three of us loved working on this book, we hope you will enjoy it too and have the excitement of saying, "I know her, she is Pamela, Edu's best friend. Or, I recognize him, he is Terence, Edu's brother!"

EDU'S CO-DANCERS

1952 Poonam

Song: Jhummak Jhummal Chal Mere Haathee

Unknown, Neville, rest Unknown

Marie is standing behind, next to a woman

Edu (touching her nose) left of two men, Philomena and Marie sitting on the sofa

From left, Philomena, Edu, Marie

1955 Faraar

Song: Jee Bhar Ke Pyaar Kar Le

Philomena on the left

1958 12 O'Clock

Song: Ajee O Suno To

Unknown, Shashikala, Tina Misquitta

Herman, Shashikala

Herman, Edu, Shashilaka (back), Pamela, Abe Cohn

1958 Adalat

Song: Jab Dil Haseen

Sayeed, Saroj, Edu, Terence

Sayeed, Saroj, Ahmed

Terence, Sayeed

Nargis, Edu, Saroj

Perrin, Edu, Unknown, Unknown

Unknown, Perrin, Putli, Edu

Nargis, Sayeed, Pradeep Kumar

Suresh Bhatt

Pamela, Pradeep Kumar, Unknown

Queenie, Edu, Unknown, Unknown, Saroj

1958 Ghar Sansar

Song: Chhedo Dhun Matavaalon Kee

Edu, rest Unknown.

1958 Police

Song: Chale Ham Kahan

Edu, Terence

1959 Anari

Song: 1956, 1957, 1958

Herman, Edu

1959 Bedard Zamana Kya Jaane

Song: Oonchee Edee Vaalon Ne

Edu, Perrin, Queenie, Saroj, Shekh

Gemma

1959 Black Cat

Song: Kaun Tujhe Roke

Willie

Florence

Shinde, Frank Alphonso, Willie, Unknown

Nannette Waters

1959 Chiragh Kahan Roshni Kahan

Song: Aye Ho To Dekh Lo

Unknown, Chanda, Unknown

Chanda, Unknown

Sayeed

Manjula on the right, rest Unknown

1959 Dil Deke Dekho

Song: Bade Hain Dil Ke Kale

Top, Malika, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown. Bottom, Edu, Aileen, Elsie, Flo, Unknown, Tina

Robert, Percy Capper, Thinker Stubour, Lionelle, Peter

Song: Yaar Chulabulaa Hai

Chanda, Bela Bose, Unknown

Bela Bose, Asha Parekh, Chanda, Unknown

Song: Dil Deke Dekho

Aruna, Unknown, Shobha, Unknown, Unknown

Unknown, Unknown, Edu, Malika, Martha, Aileen

Song: Do Ekam Do

Peter Doyle, Perrin, Abe Cohn, Aileen

Malika, Stella, Edu, Aileen

Malika, Edu, Allen, Perrin

Elsie, June, Unknown, Unknown

Boys, Percy Capper, Shinde, Unknown, Abe Cohn, Peter Doyle, Allen. Girls, Malika, Stella, Aileen, Edu, Perrin, Pamela, Unknown

1959 Do Ustad

Song: Aayaa Tum Pe Dil Aayaa

Rafique, Madhubala, rest Unknown

Marie, Edu, rest Unknown

Terence, Norman Moody, Unknown, Edu

After Madhubala, behind, we see Terence, Marie and Edu

Sayeed, Rafique, Edu (back seen)

Madhubala, Pamela, Terence, Edu

Song: Riki Rik Tik Tik

Edu, Unknown, Tina Misquitta, Chandu, Pamela, Herman

Sharon, Shinde, Pamela

Madhubala, Raj Kapoor, Edu, Abe Cohn, Shinde

Raj Kapoor, Madhubala, Keith, Edu

Tina Misquitta, Pamela, Herman

Pamela, Herman

Song: Kadam Kadam Pe

Bhagwan, Putli, Herman, Gemma

Herman, Unknown, Tony

Putli, Bhagwan, Unknown

Bhagwan, Herman, Gemma, Chandu

1959 Love Marriage

Song: Teen Kanastar Peet Peet Kar

Taylor Brothers

Unknown, Unknown, Abe, Bobby, Edu, Stella

Percy, Hilda, Teresa

One of the Taylor Brothers

Thinker and Bobby Stubour (Siblings)

Norman Moody

1959 O Tera Kya Kahna

Song: Majnoo Ke Chhilake

Pamela, Saroj, Edu

Pamela, Saroj, Unknown, Edu

Bhagwan, Ahmed

Pamela, P L Raj

Ahmed

Saroj, Tony

Fazlu, Edu

Edu, Fazlu

1959 Ujala

Song: Yaaro Soorat Hamaree

Shammi Kapoor, Martha, Matilda, Raj Kumar in front. Others Unknown

Edu, rest Unknown

Florence, Edu, Dhumal, Unknown, Pamela, Elsie

Shammi Kapoor, Edu, rest Unknown

Unknown, Pamela, Aileen, Raj Kumar, Florence, Unknown, Unknown

Leftmost is Martha. Raj Kumar in the middle. Rest Unknown

1959 Zara Bachke

Song: Pataa Note Karo

June, Edu

June, Edu, men Unknown

Tina Misquitta, Johnny Walker, June

Unknown, Nannette Waters, Gemma

Edu, Unknown, Nannette Waters, Gemma, Johnny Walker

Ruby, June, Edu, Johnny Walker

Unknown, Johnny Walker, June

1960 Basant

Song: Ghoom Ke Aayaa Hoon

Edu, Johnny Walker

1960 College Girl

Song: Ham Aur Tum Aur Ye Samaaa

Sheila, Hameeda

1960 Dil Apna Aur Preet Parai

Song: Ajeeb Daastaan Hai Ye

Teresa, Edu

Pamela, Manjula

Aruna - Pamela - Elsie, Shirley, Unknown, Aileen with Guitar, Manjula, Shammi, Teresa

Elsie, Shirley, Shammi

Elsie, Shirley, Manjula, Shammi, Teresa. Male Unknown

Teresa, Raj Kumar, Edu

Song: Sheeshaa-e-Dil Itanaa Na

Meena Kumari, Sheila Ramchandra, Bela Bose

Edu, Perrin

Aruna

Bela Bose

Sheila Ramchandra, Tina Misquitta, Meena Kumari, Florence

Unknown, Shammi, Meena Kumari

1960 Ek Phool Char Kaante

Song: Tirachhee Nazar Se

Unknown, Baba Benjamin, Unknown, Shinde, Hilda, Edu, Terence

In front, Edu and Hilda. Others Unknown

1960 Jaali Note

Song: O Mister Dil

Bhagwan, Helen, Lawrence

Robert, Lawrence, Helen, Bhagwan

Dev Anand, Queenie, Marie, Martha

Unknown, Dev Anand, Saroj

Edu, Dev Anand, Unknown

Marie, Dev Anand, Martha

Queenie

Abe Cohn, Robert

Edu, Helen, Saroj, Dev Anand, Queenie

Helen, Robert, Lawrence

Bhagwan, Helen

Helen, Unknown, Saroj, Tony

Robert, Abe Cohn, Bhagwan, Tony

Florence, Helen, Dev Anand, Madhubala

1960 Nache Nagin Baje Been

Song: Goree Naagin Ban Ke Naa

Saroj, Kumkum, Edu

Marie, Manjula, Edu, Unknown, Saroj, Chandrashekhar, Kumkum

1962 Naqli Nawab

Song: Ham Diwane Tere Dar Se

Shakila, Unknown, Lorna, Edu

Manjula

1960 Shriman Satyawadi

Dance Sequence

Neville, Stella, Edu

Figure 1: Unknown, Bhagwan, Robert

Marie, Shinde, Robert

Tony, Edu

Allen

Tony, Teresa, Unknown

Shinde, Tina

Pamela, Bhagwan

Edu, Abe Cohn

Tony, Teresa

Hilda, Terence, Robert

1961 Jab Pyar Kisise Hota Hai

Song: Seeto Peeto Reeto

Shirley, Marie, Queenie, Sharifa

Meena

1961 Salaam Mem Saahib

Song: Abdulla Mera Naam

Teresa, Kumkum

Martha, Kumkum

Club Dance

Meena, Kumkum

Tony, Kumkum, Teresa, Unknown, Edu, Terence. Others Unknown

1961 Zabak

Song: Jane Kaisa Nasha

Chanda, Sujata in front, Unknown

Edu at right, rest Unknown

Edu, Chanda

Chanda, Queenie

1962 Baat Ek Raat Kee

Song: Akela Hoon Main

Dorothy, Unknown, Chandu, Ramesh, Edu, Unknown

Dev Anand, Dorothy, Ramesh, Unknown, Edu

1962 Bombay Ka Chor

Song: Nadan Hai Anjan Hai

Shinde, Mala Sinha, Unknown

Shinde, Tina Misquitta, Unknown, Mala Sinha, Edu

Terence, Edu, Unknown, Tina, Unknown, Teresa, Unknown

Alan, Unknown, Terence, Unknown

Teresa, Tina Misquitta, Edu

Mala Sinha, Tina Misquitta

1962 Hong Kong

Song: Hong Kong China Mina

Helen, Thinker, Lawrence, Willie

Thinker, Lawrence, Tony, Willie

Meena, Aileen, Stella

Stella, Teresa, Unknown

Edu, Aileen, Pamela

Tony, Willie, Abe, Allen

1962 Naughy Boy

Song: Ho Gayi Sham

Tony, Edu

Abe, Edu, Teresa, Bhagwan, Unknown

Kalpana, Kishore, Marie, Tony

Tony, Teresa, Bhagwan

1962 Son of India

Dance Scene

Lilian, Jayant, Kumkum, Hilda, Terence, Edu, Thinker

Hilda, Terence, Edu, Thinker, Kumkum

1962 Tower House

Song: Main Khushanseeb Hoon

Pamela, Unknown, Unknown, Shakila

Harbans, Pamela, Shakila, Teresa, Chandu

Florence, Teresa, Edu, Pamela

Edu, Teresa

Chandu, Teresa, Shakila, Herman, Edu

Teresa, Chandu, Shakila

1962 Vallah Kyaa Baat Hai

Song: Vallah Kyaa Baat Hai

Edu, Terence, Allen, Teresa. Band members Unknown

Allen, Pamela, Tony

Tony, Abe Cohn, Bhagwan, Shinde, Robert

1963 Cobra Girl

Song: Aankh Milee To Dil

Lorna, Ragini

Chanda, Tiwary, Ragini, Sujata, Unknown

Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Ruby, Edu

Chanda, Tiwary, Sujata, Ragini

Beryl, Ragini, Matilda, Alan, Unknown, Shinde, Unknown

Beryl

1963 Tere Ghar Ke Samne

Song: Dil Kee Manzil

Pamela, Tina Misquitta

Marie, Edu

Teresa

Pamela

Teresa, Helga

Lawrence, Helga, Robert

Abe Cohn, Edu, Robert and Lawrence at the back

Robert Master

Tony, Robert Master, Shinde

Tony, Stephanie

Stephanie, Marie

Abe Cohn, Stephanie, Edu

1963 Ustadon Ke Ustad

Song: Haseenon Se To Bas

Rafique, Sonnu, Unknown, Unknown, Terence, Willie

Hilda, Mahmood, Jenny, Pradeep Kumar, Teresa

1963 Ye Raste Hain Pyar Ke

Song: Ye Raste Hain Pyar Ke

Edu, Oscar

Terence, Edu (at the back)

Oscar, Rehman, Edu, Unknown, Terence

Lawrence, Leela Naidu, Edu, Rehman, rest Unknown

1964: Cha Cha Cha

Dance Competition

Mary Chambers, Chandrashekhar

Basant Nepali, Chandu, Marie (back), Willie, Edu (front)

Unknown, Unknown, Joyce, Robert, Sayeed, Unknown

Mottu, Nanda, Mohan, Unknown, Rafique, Unknown

Oscar, Joyce, Jenny

Lawrence, Unknown

Marie on the right, rest Unknown

Bela Bose, Helen, rest Unknown

Mary Chambers, Chandrashekar, Robert, Terence at the back

Willie, Edu

Mohan on the left, rest Unknown

Terence, Pamela, Oscar

1964 Daal Men Kala

Basketball game

Elsie, Florence, Aileen, Unknown, Edu, Marie, Stella

Edu, Stella, Nimmi, Aileen, Marie, Pamela, Unknown

1964 Woh kaun Thi

Song: Tiki Riki Tiki Riki

Hameeda, Rafique, Leonara, Mahmood

Unknown, Bhagwan, Manjula, Robert

Tricky Joe, Tony

Hameeda

Edu, Oscar, rest Unknown

Mohan, Unknown, Baba Benjamin

Lawrence, Tony, Mahmood, Willie, Bhagwan, Helen

Unknown, Chandu, Dorothy, Joyce, rest Unknown

1965 Aarzoo

Song: Jab Ishq Kahin Ho Jata Hai

Unknown, Unknown, Marie, Pamela

Aruna, Sheila, Unknown, Shobha

Sitara, Hameeda, Chanda, Unknown

Shobha, Sheila, Manjula

Sheila, Sadhana, Aruna

Manjula, Unknown, Chanda

Sheila, Hameeda, Aruna

Manjula, Unknown, Hameeda, Sadhana

Manjula, Aruna, Chanda, Sadhana

Marie, Unknown, Teresa, Pamela, Edu, Daphne, Sylvia

Marie, Ruby, Teresa, Pamela, Myrna Waters, Edu

Shake, Rattle and Roll scene

Sujata, Nazima, Teresa, Daisy Irani, Sylvia, Edu

Unknown, Nazima, Edu, Sylvia, Marie, Pamela

Daisy Irani, Unknown, Daphne, Unknown, Manjula, Unknown, Unknown

Daphne, Edu

Unknown, Manjula

1965 Bheegi Raat

Song: O Tera Baankapan

Shashikala, Mahmood

Unknown, Shashikala, Mahmood, Bhagwan, Unknown, Tricky Joe

Unknown, Bhagwan

Chanda

Ruby, Edu, Chanda

Joyce, Ruby

Tricky Joe

Sayeed, Bhagwan

1965 Boxer

Song:Tune Jo Samjha Hai

Edu, Sujata

Robert, Lawrence, Yiouness, Unknown

1965 Ham Sab Ustad Hain

Dance Scene

Vijay, Edu, Tricky Joe, rest Unknown

Vijay, Edu, Tricky Joe

Edu, Tricky Joe

1965: Mere Sanam

Dance and Fight Scene

Unknown, Mahmood, Jenny, Oscar

Jenny, Oscar, Unknown, Marie, Shinde

Unknown, Rajendra Nath, Leela, Unknown

Terence, Biswajeet, Julien

Jenny, Shinde, Unknown, Unknown, Edu

Leela, Asha Parekh

Terence, Edu, Sylvia, Oscar, Asha Parekh, Jahangir

Asha Parekh, Jenny, Shinde, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Marie, Edu

Edu, Unknown, Jahangir

Biswajeet, Oscar in front

1965: Poonam Ki Raat

Song: Bhole Piya Jane Kya

Yiouness, Edu, Manjula, Rafique, rest Unknown

Leela, Chandu

Edu, Yiouness, Unknown

Sabita, Leela

1965 Teen Deviyan

Kalpana's dance

Unknown, Unknown, Alan Gill, Dev Anand

Edu, Oscar, Kalpana, Terence, Mahmood

Mrs Mitchell, Unknown, Unknown, Kalpana, Unknown

Flo, Unknown

Song: Kah Do Koi Bedardi Se

Manoj Kumar, Edu, Terence, Bela Bose, Alfie

Terence, Chandu,Unknown, Unknown, Sayeed, Mahmood, Chinu

1965 Zindagi Aur Maut

Song: Teri Nazaron ka Ishara

Willie, Edu, Unknown, Teresa

Unknown, Unknown, Hameeda, Edu

Unknown, Pamela, Ruby, Edu

Unknown, Hameeda

Willie

Lorna, Fariyal

Shinde, Teresa

Unknown, Edu, Teresa, Hameeda, Pamela, Ruby

1966 Dus Lakh

Song: Aa Lag Jaa Gale

Baba Benjamin

Baba Benjamin, Edu, Dorothy, Shinde, Robert Master, Teresa

Edu, Robert Master

1966 Mohabbat Zindagi Hai

Song: Mehfil Men Dilwalon Ki

Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Jayshree, Sylvia, Edu

Unknown, Sylvia, Joyce, Edu, Unknown

Unknown, Sayeed, Rafique

Sylvia, Jayshree, Edu, Terence (behind)

Robert, Chinu, Tricky Joe, Terence, Sylvia, Edu, Teresa, Unknown

Baba Benjamin, Tricky Joe, Vijay, girls Unknown

1966 Neend Hamari Khwab Tumhare

Song: Bheegee Huyi Is Raat Ka

Myrna Waters, Nanda, rest Unknown

Edu, Lawrence, Sylvia, Unknown, Yiouness

Myrna Waters, Tony

Teresa, Tony, Daphne, Tricky Joe-

Yiouness

Teresa, Sylvia, Baba Benjamin, rest Unknown

1966 Pinjare Ke Panchhi

Song: Jhoom Le Ai Dil Matwale

Edu, Robert, Unknown

Unknown, Unknown, Terence, Tina Misquitta, Tony, Teresa

Lawrence, Marie, Unknown, Ruby, Shinde, Unknown

Tricky Joe, Unknown, Unknown, Teresa, Tony

1967 Raat Aur Din

Song: Awara Ai Mere Dil

Shinde, Sonnu

Laxmichhaya, Baba Benjamin

Edu, Robert

1966 Tasveer

Song: Dene Wala Do Dil Deta

Unknown, Sylvia, Feroz Khan

Pamela, Tony

Sylvia, Feroz Khan, Neville

Unknown, Teresa, Lawrence

Sonnu on drums, Unknown, Unknown, Neville, Unknown

Tina Misquitta, Unknown

1966 Ye Zindagi Kitni Haseen Hai

Song: Pahle Aankh Ladaiye

Edu, Saira Bano, Unknown, Unknown, Tony

Willie, Baba Benjamin, Bhagwan

Jennifer Dowden, Lawrence

Teresa, Bhagwan, Jennifer Dowden, Lawrence, Saira Bano

1968 Brahmchari

Dance Scene

Teresa, Alfie

Sylvia, Bhagwan

Sylvia, Teresa, Alfie, Edu, Lawrence, Jayshree, Shammi Kapoor

1968 Juari

Dance before Main Hoon Badnam

Edu, Shashi Kapoor, Unknown

Edu, Shashi Kapoor, Unknown, Willie, Joyce, Mohan, Dorothy

YOU MAY FIND THIS INTERESTING

1. Manjula and Leela are sisters.
2. Willie later became a choreographer after being assistant to Robert Master
3. Frank Alphonso is Pamela's husband.
4. Nanette and Myrna Waters are sisters.
5. Sonnu is Terence's brother-in-law.
6. June the background dancers is different from June Maxwell the junior artist.
7. Pamela and Edu had their first born in 1961, the second one too in 1963. They even wore similar maternity outfits, made by the same tailor in Mumbai with pride being such good friends.
8. Sylvia is Pamela's younger sister.
9. Edu's husband Keith worked in only one film Do Ustad (1959)
10. Dancers were paid Rs 26 and a quarter per daily.
11. Junior artists were paid Rs 20 daily.
12. Robert and Robert Master are different.
13. Robert is the son of character artist Samson.
14. Robert Master is also known as Surya Kumar.
15. Robert Master's brother, Tony Master was also a choreographer,

known as Krishna Kumar. The latter was tragically killed by some goondas in the early fifties.

16. Mahmood the dancer is different from Mehmood the famous actor.

17. Ruby and Shobha are sisters.

18. Shobha was married to Herman Benjamin.

19. Herman and Baba Benjamin are brothers.

20. Marie was married to Bharat Shinde.

21. Neville and Terence are Edu's brothers.

22. Marie and Philomena are Edu's sisters.

23. Mac Mohan is the same actor as who became famous as Sambha in Sholay (1975).

24. Helga Suri worked in Tere Ghar Ke Samne (1963) and Kaise Kahoon (1964), two films only.

25. Lorna is married to Terence.

26. Terence can be seen in a band called Ted Lyons and His Orchestra.

27. Oscar and Vijay became choreographers.

28. Teresa was married to Oscar.

29. Philomena's bare legs were used for Madhubala's legs in few films.

30. Jenny Richardson is Helen's sister.

31. Saroj later became a legendary choreographer.

32. P L Raj was mainly a choreographer.

33. Dancer Aruna is different from the actress Aruna Irani.

34. Dancer Bhagwan is different from the famous actor Bhagwan.

35. Thinker and Bobby are brother and sister, respectively.

36. Harbans, also known as Harbans Papay, has been honored with the Uttar Pradesh Ratan Award.

37. Background dancer Sitara and the famous dancer-actress Sitara Devi are different.

38. Suresh is also known as Suresh Bhatt who became a choreographer.

39. Nimmi the background dancer is different from the famous actress Nimmi.

40. Vishwas (1969) was dedicated to Herman Benjamin.

41. Alfie was called Chickoo by his friends.

42. Stella (Hoogwarf) was also called Betsy.

43. Oscar Unger was originally married to Jenny, Helen's sister.

44. Robert (dancer) was also known as Robert Do or Robert D'Costa.

45. Teresa was credited as Assistant Choregrapher to Vijay-Oscar in Tere Pyar Men (1979).

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